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NASA AEROSPACE CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON 'SECOND CENTURY OF FLIGHT'

NASA will showcase its cutting-edge aerospace technology and research at the fourth annual Turning Goals Into Reality (TGIR) Conference being held in Williamsburg, Va. June 11 and 12, 2003.

NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: News media representatives are invited to cover NASA's Turning Goals Into Reality (TGIR) Conference at the Williamsburg Marriott ,June 11-12, 2002. The Williamsburg Marriott is located at 50 Kingsmill Rd. in Williamsburg, Va. Take Interstate 64 to Exit 242A (199W). Take Rte. 60E. Turn right onto Rte. 60. At 4th stoplight, turn right on Kingsmill Rd. Hotel is on the right. The conference kicks off on June 11 at 8:00 a.m. with opening remarks from NASA Associate Administrator for Aerospace Technology Dr. Jeremiah Creedon. Other speakers include noted social satirist and science fiction writer, Bruce Sterling, the author of "Tomorrow Now: Envisioning the next 50 Years."

This year's theme is "The Second Century of Flight: Technology Challenges and Opportunities." The conference will look at the technological challenges as well as the opportunities that lie ahead for the aerospace community in the second century of powered flight.

Founded in 1997, TGIR recognizes significant advances in four categories: Revolutionize Aviation, Advanced Space Transportation, Pioneering Technology and Commercialize Technology. Ten subcategories honor nominees whose work represents exceptional achievements related to safety, environmental impact, cost reduction, technical/engineering innovation and airspace capacity.

For more information about the Turning Goals into Reality 2003 conference, please check the Internet at:

http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/aero/curevent/tgir/index.htm

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